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December 12th, 2018

The Honorable Ajit V. Pai
Chairman Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

As an elected official I have come to rely on our local access television station to present voters with an opportunity to learn more about local and state candidates. The pre-election forums, featuring candidates and sponsored by Lake Champlain Access TV, allow citizens to hear each candidate's unfiltered perspective of local and state issues. This valuable resource is threatened by recent actions taken by the FCC.

I disapprove of the proposals and conclusions of the FCC's September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, MB Docket 05-311.

Aside from election related programming, LCATV (funded entirely by the PEG franchise fee) provides valuable programming and opportunities for local organizations to present views and information that would otherwise be impossible. Your broad definition of the franchise fee and vague characterization of "in-kind" support may well make the continuation of this community resource impossible. Please do not adopt the proposals in the Further Notice that will bring this about.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Taylor", written over a circular stamp.

Curt Taylor

Vermont State Representative
Colchester School Board Director